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#### CONGRATULATING CARRIE LIERL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I congratulate Ms. Carrie Lierl on placing first in Kentucky for the 21st annual National Peace Essay Contest State-level competition. Sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace, the National Peace Essay Contest asks American high school students to write an analytical essay on a topic chosen by the Institute's board of directors. This year's topic was on the relationship between natural resources and international conflict. An independent panel of experts judges each essay and a winner is chosen from every state, plus one from U.S. territories and one from among American students living abroad.

In addition to placing first in Kentucky, Carrie will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and is currently competing for national scholarship awards of up to \$10,000. On June 22, 2008, Carrie will join fellow essay winners from around the country in an all-expense paid weeklong seminar in Washington, DC, to participate in embassy briefings, and conflict resolution simulations, while meeting with officials from Congress, Federal agencies, and experts and practitioners from various organizations.

Ms. Lierl has proven herself to be an exemplary student, representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the 2008 National Peace Essay Contest. I look forward to seeing all that she will accomplish in the future.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fis-

cal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1343. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3712. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5599. An act to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill road in Suitland, Maryland, as the "Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building".

H.R. 5669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

H.R. 5893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5972. An act to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

H. Con. Res. 366. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority.

At 5:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1343. To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3712. To designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5599. An act to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in

Suitland, Maryland, as the "Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5669. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 5972. An act to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 366. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6049. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 92. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6519. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project Design and Cost Standards for the Section 202 and Section 811 Programs" (RIN2502-A148) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6520. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(1) 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory for the Wayne County Area" (FRL No. 8576-4) received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.